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# 2006 EMERGING ISSUES IN MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATION

April 5-7, 2006

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# WELCOME

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Please be sure to set aside April 5 through April 7, 2006 for the National Program on Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation. The program will again be given at the luxurious Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa in Phoenix, Arizona. Join us for two days of interesting cutting edge legal topics, a diverse panel of experienced presenters and excellent networking opportunities—all in the relaxed and cozy atmosphere as only the Biltmore Resort & Spa can provide. This year we've invited Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano as a special luncheon speaker on April 7, 2006 to address the attendees of the Emerging Issues in Products Liability Litigation program.

If you practice products liability law for plaintiffs, the defense, in-house or as insurance representatives, this program is invaluable. Topics to be covered include the following, but much more as well!:

- The Third Restatement of Product Liability, Tidal Wave or Tempest in a Teapot?
- E-Discovery and Spoliation of Evidence: What You Don't Think About Until It Is Too Late
- Class Actions in Motor Vehicle Products Liability Law
- Pitfalls for the Multi-National Corporation in the Information Age
- Litigating Damages: Actual or Punitive
- The Challenges of Having a National Practice: Talking to Jurors Who Look Different Than You
- The Mistakes Repeatedly Made by Plaintiffs' and Defendants' Counsel: What They Continue to Do Wrong
- The Science behind Post Collision Wire Damage Fires: Do They Really Occur?
- Automobile Glazing, the Final Frontier: The Myths and Realities of the Defective Glass Claim
- New Roof Crush Standards: Will the NHTSA Regulation End Roof Crush Litigation?
- Child Safety Seat Litigation: Are the Seats Really Safe?

In addition to the excellent substance and spectacular locale, the TIPS Mold Litigation and other Emerging Issues in Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Program will be held at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa concurrently with our program. This allows us to offer you the double networking opportunities and twice the CLE credits all in one place! We will host a joint cocktail reception on Thursday evening for all attendees.

The ABA offers a special discount for anyone interested in attending both programs. In addition, Law firms and companies that register two or more lawyers for our Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation Program and the Mold Litigation and other Emerging Issues in Toxic Tort and Environmental Law Program will receive a \$100 discount for each registrant. TIPS members who have registered for either program may purchase the materials for the other program at the substantially reduced rate of \$85.

Traditionally, this program is attended by in-house attorneys and leading product liability practitioners for both plaintiffs and defendants. The atmosphere is always collegial and the discussion is interesting and often spirited. It's a great program, attended by great people, in a great venue. So mark your calendars for April 5–7, 2006. You won't be disappointed!

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2006 National Program on Emerging Issues

in Motor Vehicle Products Liability

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Hotel Deadline: February 28, 2006 Registration Deadline: March 10, 2006

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Are you attending your first Motor Vehicle Products Liability Program?  Yes  No

I am a member of the ABA and wish to join the Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section.  
 I have enclosed a separate check for \$50 made payable to the American Bar Association.

## 2. REGISTRATION FEES:

	On or Before <u>3/10/06</u>	After <u>3/10/06</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Registration Fee per TIPS Member	\$525	\$550	___	___
General Attendee	\$575	\$600	___	___
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If someone else from your firm or company is attending the Toxic Torts and Environmental Law meeting, you are each entitled to a \$100 discount off the registration fee (see details inside).

In order to receive the above discount, both registrations must be submitted at the same time and entered on the same day.

## 3. MATERIALS (CD-ROM Only)

I will not be attending the meeting and wish to order program materials

2006 Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation Program for

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I am attending the meeting and wish to order a hardcopy of the printed materials

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Litigation Meeting and also wish to order program materials for the 2006 TTEL Meeting.

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2. **MAIL:** Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation  
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3. **FAX:** 312/988-6230

# PROGRAM AGENDA

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2006

3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

### REGISTRATION

## DAY ONE—THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2006

7:00 a.m.

### REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m.

### WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS—DAY 1

**Pamela W. Carter, Esq.**  
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8:05 a.m.

### TRIAL TECHNIQUES FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

The courtroom is a different place than it was 20 years ago. Jury panels are less homogenous. Jurors are more savvy, getting news and information almost instantaneously from around the globe. Jurors know about that multi-million verdict from the next state or even the next county. Listen to this excellent discussion on how to control the trial and have the jury decide a case solely on the facts.

**Pamela W. Carter, Esq.**  
*Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell  
& Berkowitz, PC*  
New Orleans, LA

**Randolph Bibb, Jr.**  
*Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell  
& Berkowitz, PC*  
Nashville, TN

8:30 a.m.

### THE THIRD RESTATEMENT OF PRODUCTS LIABILITY: TIDAL WAVE OR TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT?

It seems like only a short time ago that the Third Statement of Products Liability was debated, drafted and promulgated. But has it lived up to all that it promised to be? This comprehensive discussion will cover the primary effects the Restatement Third has had on the practice of product liability law throughout the country.

**C. Scott Toomey, Esq.**  
*Campbell Campbell Edwards & Conroy, Professional Corporation*  
Wayne, PA

8:55 a.m.

### E-DISCOVERY AND SPOILIATION OF EVIDENCE: WHAT YOU DON'T THINK ABOUT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE

Discovery of e-mails, word processing documents and other files stored electronically is occurring with more and more frequency. It is no longer unusual for a court to order that electronic files be produced or to even allow a party access to an adversary's data base. Listen to this discussion on electronic files, how to protect them and how to prevent a charge of spoliation if documents no longer exist.

**Joseph J. Ortego, Esq.**  
*Nixon Peabody LLP*  
Garden City, NY

**James W. Weller, Esq.**  
*Nixon Peabody LLP*  
Garden City, NY

9:25 a.m.

### CLASS ACTIONS IN MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCTS LIABILITY LAW

With recent legislation, class action lawsuits are in the spot light and growing in number. This discussion will provide a primer on class actions lawsuits in this area of the law, some of the intricacies involved in pursuing and defending a class action and some of the more recent issues that have arisen.

**David T. Biderman, Esq.**  
*Perkins Coie LLP*  
Santa Monica, CA

9:50 a.m.

### THE ADMISSIBILITY OF STATISTICS IN MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCTS LIABILITY ACTIONS

Statistical evidence can be extremely persuasive with the jury when offered by a party. However, concerns about the reliability of the data have made courts throughout the country slow to embrace this type of evidence. Enjoy this review of the case law from around the country on this interesting topic.

**Gerald Cedrone, Esq.**  
*Lavin, O'Neil, Ricci, Cedrone & DiSipio*  
Philadelphia, PA

## DAY ONE—THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2006 CONT.

- 10:15 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:30 a.m. **PITFALLS FOR THE MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATION IN THE INFORMATION AGE**
- Motor vehicle manufacturers and other large multi-national corporations are generating an abundance of information that can easily be accessed through the internet. Often, the corporate legal department has not reviewed the information and does not even know it has been disseminated. Listen to this discussion about the problems and pitfalls corporations can encounter with a careful review of “public” information.
- Anthony E. Sonnett, Esq.**  
*Sonnnett & Associates A Professional Corporation*  
Los Angeles, CA
- 10:55 a.m. **SUCCESSFUL TRIAL STRATEGIES FOR PRODUCT LIABILITY CASES: TRIED, TESTED AND PROVEN**
- New strategies for trying cases are still evolving, but the last few decades of high stakes product liability trials have provided a track record of successful trial strategies. This expert has written about, taught and tried numerous cases. This excellent presentation will focus on what works and what doesn't when trying product liability cases.
- Michael E. Jones, Esq.**  
*Kirkland & Ellis LLP*  
Washington, D.C.
- 11:25 a.m. **LUNCH BREAK ON YOUR OWN**
- 12:45 p.m. **LOWER LEG INJURIES IN MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS: THE FORGOTTEN INJURY**
- A lot of time, effort and research are expended on accidents involving head and spinal injuries because of the severity of those injuries. However, lower leg injuries rank among the most common injuries occurring in motor vehicle accidents. Listen to a true expert in this field discuss intrusion injuries and other mechanisms of injury for lower leg injuries in motor vehicle accidents as well as product issues such as toe pan and instrument panel intrusion.
- James R. Funk, Ph.D.**  
*Biodynamic Research Corporation*  
San Antonio, TX
- 1:15 p.m. **LITIGATING DAMAGES: ACTUAL OR PUNITIVE**
- As the recent trend of “super verdicts” has taught, litigating the actual and punitive damages portion of a lawsuit can be just as important as liability. However, for many lawyers, litigating damages is an afterthought and often these issues are not properly preserved for appeal. Listen to this appellate expert discuss litigating damages and properly preserving issues for appeal.
- Andrew L. Frey, Esq.**  
*Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw, LLP*  
Washington, D.C.
- 1:50 p.m. **SPOILIATION IN PRODUCT LIABILITY LITIGATION: WHEN THE DESTRUCTION CREATES AN INABILITY TO PURSUE A CLAIM**
- The spoliation claim, defense or cause of action has become a routine part of products liability litigation. But does a claim of spoliation really have teeth? When does it matter? When can the tables be turned and the spoliation charge be used against your client? Listen to this excellent discussion on when spoliation leads to the inability to pursue the claim.
- Tiffanee N. Wade Hendersen, Esq.**  
*Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC*  
Jackson, MS
- 2:15 p.m. **BREAK**
- 2:35 p.m. **DON'T COME HOME UNTIL THE JOB IS DONE: GETTING THE CASE SETTLED**
- Mediating a case to a mutually agreeable, or mutually disagreeable, resolution is usually an option in a products liability case. But, what is the best approach to take in order to get the case settled? What are some things you need to communicate to get the case settled? What are some things you definitely do not want to communicate to get the case settled? These questions and more will be answered by one of the settlement experts on the inside.
- Steven L. Grey, Esq.**  
*Isuzu Motors America, Inc.*  
Cerritos, CA

## DAY ONE—THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2006 CONT.

3:00 p.m. **THE CHALLENGES OF HAVING A NATIONAL PRACTICE: TALKING TO JURORS WHO LOOK DIFFERENT THAN YOU**

The reality of today's motor vehicle practice is that automakers are retaining a select group of counsel to handle their high exposure cases throughout the country. Consequently, the trial lawyer may have to appear in a multitude of jurisdictions and address judges or jurors from different backgrounds and various perspectives. Listen to this interesting discussion of the challenges practitioners face in such an environment.

**Robert H. Alexander, Jr.**

*The Law Office of Robert H. Alexander, Jr. P.C.*  
Oklahoma City, OK

3:50 p.m. **THE MISTAKES REPEATEDLY MADE BY PLAINTIFFS' AND DEFENDANTS' COUNSEL: WHAT THEY CONTINUE TO DO WRONG**

They're back! Listen to this national recognized plaintiffs' lawyer describe what the defense continues to do wrong in litigation resulting in high settlements and verdicts as well as this nationally recognized defense lawyer describe what the plaintiffs continue to do wrong that results in dismissals or defense verdicts.

**Howard S. Hershenhorn, Esq.**

*Gair Gair Conason Steigman & Mackauf*  
New York, NY

**James J. Yukevich, Esq.**

*Yukevich, Calfo & Cavanaugh*  
Los Angeles, CA

4:30 p.m. **ADJOURN**

6:00-7:30 p.m. **COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

A joint gathering of the attendees at the Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation and Toxic Torts Programs.

## DAY TWO—FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2006

7:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:00 a.m. **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS—DAY 2**

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Boston, MA

8:05 a.m. **THE SCIENCE BEHIND POST COLLISION WIRE DAMAGE FIRES: DO THEY REALLY OCCUR?**

One of the new wave of motor vehicle product liability claims is the allegation that a vehicular fire was caused by wire damage that occurred during the collision, which ignited fuel and automobile components. This true expert in the field will provide a comprehensive discussion covering the fundamentals and most recent scientific discoveries with respect to wire damage fires.

**Jeff D. Colwell, Ph.D., P.E.**

*Exponent*  
Phoenix, AZ

8:35 a.m. **AUTOMOBILE GLAZING, THE FINAL FRONTIER: THE MYTHS AND REALITIES OF THE DEFECTIVE GLASS CLAIM**

Whether it be tempered glass, laminated glass, safety glass or security glass, the glazing debate rages. One of the most fiercely litigated hot button topics in automobile litigation today is the appropriateness of glazing design. Listen to these preeminent trial lawyers from both sides of the issue discuss this important topic.

Plaintiffs' side

**Mikal C. Watts, Esq.**

*Watts Law Firm, LLP*  
Corpus Christi, TX

Defense side

**Jeffrey R. Brooke, Esq.**

*Bowman & Brooke LLP*  
Phoenix, AZ

9:30 a.m. **BREAK**

## DAY TWO—FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2006 CONT.

- 9:50 a.m. **ELECTRONIC DATA RECORDERS IN PRODUCT LIABILITY CASES:  
THE LAWYER'S PERSPECTIVE**
- The so called "black box" installed by various automobile manufacturers, and sometimes the lack of such a device, is becoming a significant issue in product liability lawsuits around the country. Listen to this comprehensive discussion of the device from the lawyer's perspective and what a party can expect to find, and not find, if the vehicle is equipped with one.
- Richard K. Hansen, Esq.**  
*Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt*  
Portland, OR
- 10:15 a.m. **CONVERSATIONS WITH CORPORATE COUNSEL:  
THE ART OF WORKING WITH OUTSIDE COUNSEL**
- Many seminar hours have been devoted to the topic of working with in-house attorneys and other clients. However, this excellent panel will explore and discuss a topic just as important to all products liability lawyers. This discussion will focus on the key factors in-house counsel use in identifying, evaluating and selecting outside counsel and finding the right balance between business concerns and legal challenges in a global economy.
- Damon White, Esq.**  
*General Motors Corporation*  
Detroit, MI
- Sherrie L. Farrell, Esq.**  
*Dykema Gossett PLLC*  
Detroit, MI
- 10:45 a.m. **NEW ROOF CRUSH STANDARDS:  
WILL THE PROPOSED NHTSA REGULATION END ROOF CRUSH LITIGATION?**
- NHTSA may be at the brink of adopting a new standard for roof crush changing the 30 year old standard. But will the more rigorous standard prevent occupant injuries and offer some relief to manufacturers plagued by roof crush litigation. Listen to this comprehensive discussion of the new standard and the effect it is likely to have on product liability litigation.
- Paul G. Cereghini, Esq.**  
*Bowman & Brooke LLP*  
Phoenix, AZ
- 11:20 a.m. **CHILD SAFETY SEAT DEFECT LITIGATION: ARE THE SEATS SAFE?**
- Every state has adopted some form of law requiring the use of safety seats for infants, toddlers and children. This presentation will focus on hot topics in child restraint seat defect litigation and include an in-depth discussion of the emerging theories of liability in such cases.
- Gregory T. Zele, Esq.**  
*Lytal, Reiter, Clark, Fountain & Williams, LLP*  
West Palm Beach, FL
- 11:45 a.m. **LUNCHEON**
- We have invited Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano to address the attendees of the Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Product Liability Litigation Program.
- 1:15 p.m. **EFFECTIVE USE OF PRESENTATION TOOLS TO MEDIATE THE CASE**
- Presentation tools are becoming the norm in today's *high tech* product liability trial. However, how many practitioners are using state of the art presentation tools to most effectively mediate the case for their clients? Watch this presentation of the different ways to use presentation equipment during your next mediation.
- James F. Doyle**  
*In Court Technologies*  
Braintree, MA
- Robert A. Campbell, Jr.**  
*In Court Technologies*  
Braintree, MA
- 1:40 p.m. **ANATOMY OF A PRODUCTS TRIAL**
- This comprehensive presentation will address issues that are present in every products liability trial including the following: calming the fears that accompany having a products case go to trial, utilizing specific techniques to get jurors to carefully listen to the evidence, creating memorable stories and images, preparing the company witness for the trial and his or her testimony and using science in the courtroom.
- Tony L. Richardson, Esq.**  
*Kirkland & Ellis LLP*  
Los Angeles, CA
- 2:10 p.m. **ADJOURN**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 10, 2006 HOTEL DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28, 2006**

### ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Visit the TIPS website to register at [www.abanet.org/tips](http://www.abanet.org/tips) or complete the registration form included in this brochure for **"The 2006 National Program on Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Products Liability"** to be held at the beautiful Arizona Biltmore.

The registration fee includes admission to the program, course materials, continental breakfast, breaks, and welcome reception. If you wish to have your name appear on the pre-registration list distributed at the program, ALL registration forms must be received no later than the registration deadline of March 10, 2006. Registration reservations will be confirmed in writing within 10 business days.

### ON-SITE REGISTRATION

On-site registrations will be accepted if space is available. Call Kimia Shelby at 312/988-5708 or email [shelbyk@staff.abanet.org](mailto:shelbyk@staff.abanet.org), 72 hours prior to the program to confirm that space is available. On-site registrants must pay the program fee by credit card or check made payable to the American Bar Association. A \$25 fee will be charged to individuals registering on-site.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

No registration fee refunds will be granted for cancellations received after **March 10, 2006**. In order to receive a refund (less a \$100 administrative fee), the ABA must receive written cancellation by **March 10, 2006**. Registrants who are unable to attend may send a substitute or will receive course materials in lieu of a refund.

### HOTEL INFORMATION

**For Reservations call 602/955-6600**

A limited number of rooms have been blocked for program registrants of the **"ABA 2006 Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Products Liability"** program at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa, 24 Street and Missouri, Phoenix, AZ 85016 for a hotel room rate of \$289 single/double plus 12.07% tax, identify yourself as attending the American Bar Association Emerging Issues in Motor Vehicle Products Liability meeting when making reservations. For reservations, please call the hotel directly at **602/955-6600. The room block will be held until exhausted or until Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. (CST)**. After the meeting specified hotel deadline, reservations will be confirmed based on availability. Hotel check-in is 4:00 p.m. and check-out is 12:00 p.m. (noon). All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or deposit check. **Individuals with guaranteed reservations must cancel their reservations seven (7) days prior to the scheduled day of arrival to avoid a two-night cancellation charge. This is the policy of the hotel and the ABA has no control over this policy.**

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